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Examiner: Liu, S.

For: PURIFICATION OF HUMAN TROPONIN I

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MAY 15, 2003**I. INTRODUCTION**

Applicants respectfully respond to the Final Office Action of May 15, 2003, as follows, please charge any required fees and credit any credits to deposit account 02-2334. Further, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time.